

REMARKS

Claims 7-19 are pending in this application, claim 19 having been withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claim 7 is amended. Support for the amendments to claim 7 can be found in the specification as originally filed, for example, at least at page 1, line 20 - page 2, line 11; page 32, lines 4-17; and in claim 1 as originally filed. No new matter is added by these amendments.

I. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejects claims 7-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being vague and indefinite because of the term "may be" in independent claim 7. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to claim 7 remove the alleged vagueness and/or indefiniteness. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Rejoinder of Claim 19

Because product claims 7-18 are allowable for the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of corresponding withdrawn process claim 19. Rejoinder is proper under MPEP §821.04 because the withdrawn claims "depend from or otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowable product claim."

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 7-19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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